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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to honor Representative Donald L. Moffitt for his work with the Illinois Legislative Fire Caucus; and

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WHEREAS, In 2002, Rep. Moffitt created a task force to study fire protection funding; he recognized the need to have a bi-partisan "fire caucus" made up of members from the General Assembly that would work with fire service leaders on their various needs; he has continuously served as the Co-Chairman of the Fire Caucus since its formation; and

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WHEREAS, The purpose of the Fire Caucus is to promote, preserve, foster, and protect the pursuits of the fire service in Illinois; the caucus will not advance any fire service-related issue if there is not unanimous agreement by the Illinois Fire Services Association; and

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WHEREAS, Rep. Moffitt sponsored or co-sponsored legislation that did the following: encouraged every fire department in Illinois to join the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS); created the revolving fire truck loan program; created the fire service small equipment grant; increased the fines and punishment for arsonists; allowed fire departments to receive tax free motor fuel for fire trucks; updated and improved a

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1 firefighter hiring process for career fire departments;  
2 created a fair and equitable promotional system within career  
3 fire departments; allowed for military veterans to continue to  
4 apply for firefighter jobs if serving on active duty when they  
5 reached the maximum allowable age; and

6 WHEREAS, Rep. Moffitt also served as the Co-Chair of the  
7 EMS Task Force, which looked into the funding and service  
8 delivery of the Emergency Medical System in Illinois; as  
9 Co-Chair of both the Fire Caucus and EMS Task Force, he has  
10 championed the public safety concerns of fire and emergency  
11 services throughout the State; and

12 WHEREAS, Throughout Rep. Moffitt's legislative career, he  
13 has acquired several prestigious awards, including Legislator  
14 of the Year, Illinois Association for Fire Protection  
15 Districts, 2002; Legislator of the Year, Illinois Fire Chiefs  
16 Association, 2003; Legislator of the Year, Northern Illinois  
17 Alliance of Fire Protection Districts, 2004; Legislator of the  
18 Year, Illinois EMS Alliance, 2014; Legislator of the Year,  
19 Illinois Emergency Medical Technicians Association, 2014; and  
20 Legislator of the Year, Illinois National Emergency Number  
21 Association, 2014; and

22 WHEREAS, Rep. Moffitt has served in the Illinois House of  
23 Representatives since January of 1993; prior to that, he was

1 the Knox County Treasurer, a Knox County Board member and  
2 Chair, a Knoxville City Council member, the Mayor of Oneida,  
3 and an alderman in Oneida; he was born in Galesburg and has a  
4 Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education and Economics  
5 from the University of Illinois; he and his wife, Carolyn, have  
6 3 children; and

7 WHEREAS, Rep. Moffitt has a passion, dedication, and  
8 commitment to public safety and the constituents of Illinois;  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
12 honor Representative Donald L. Moffitt for his work with the  
13 Illinois Legislative Fire Caucus; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
15 presented to Rep. Moffitt as an expression of our esteem and  
16 respect.